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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IR, US

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON US-IRANIAN BILATERAL IN NEW YORK

REF: STATE 232840

1. US-IRANIAN SEPTEMBER 26 BILATERAL (REFTEL) INCLUDED
THREE COMMITMENTS BY SECRETARY FOR FURTHER US ACTION.
PLEASE INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER OR OTHER APPROPRIATE LEVEL
ON FOLLOW-UP SUMMARIZED BELOW.

2. SECRETARY, IN CONNECTION WITH GOI'S CONCERN OVER LACK
OF FAVORABLE PUBLIC COMMENTS BY VISITING HUMAN RIGHTS
EXPERTS, PROMISED TO CALL WILLIAM BUTLER OF ICJ. COUNTRY
DIRECTOR NAAS HAS SINCE TALKED WITH BUTLER AND SUMMARIZED
SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH KHALATBARY, INCLUDING THE
LATTER'S HOPE FOR A FAVORABLE PUBLIC COMMENT.

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3. KHALATBARY RAISED GOI'S CONCERN ABOUT "NOT OPERATIONAL
READY" (NOR) RATE OF IRAN'S F-14S AND GAVE SECRETARY
COPY OF LETTER ON SUBJECT FROM MINISTER AZIMI TO SECRETARY
BROWN. YOU MAY TELL FOREIGN MINISTER THAT SECRETARY
BROWN HAS SINCE REPLIED TO AZIMI OFFERING TO SEND HIGH
LEVEL USN MISSION TO DISCUSS AND LOOK INTO F-14 SITUATION.
LATTER ALSO PROMISED TO KEEP F-14 PROGRAM UNDER CAREFUL

REVIEW IN WASHINGTON, IN MEANTIME, IT IS DOD'S VIEW THAT IRANIAN NOR RATE IS NOT AS BAD AS AZIMI'S LETTER INDICATES. FACT IS BOTH US AND IRAN HAVE HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH F-14 AND IRANIANS ARE DOING AT LEAST AS WELL AS WE.

4. KHALATBARY ALSO REQUESTED US SUPPORT FOR GOI'S DESIRE TO USE TORREJON BASE FOR PLANES FERRIED FROM US. SECRETARY PROMISED TO LOOK INTO SUBJECT AND POSSIBLY RAISE GOI REQUEST WITH SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER. SECRETARY DID, IN FACT, MENTION MATTER TO SPANISH FONMIN SHORTLY THEREAFTER IN NEW YORK; THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE AT THE TIME. (YOU SHOULD ALSO RECALL THAT, AT IRAN'S REQUEST WE RAISED SAME QUESTION WITH GOS LAST SUMMER; SPAIN TURNED DOWN REQUEST EXPLAINING THAT ITS DECISION WAS BASED ON GENERAL POLICY REGARDING USE OF TORREJON AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH SPANISH-IRANIAN RELATIONS.)

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